

Abstract of the Invention

A method and apparatus are disclosed for automatically handling an incoming call by a mobile communication apparatus when the call is determined to be an international roam call. When an incoming international roam call is detected, the mobile communication apparatus can allow the call to ring as normal, send the call to a local or network voice mail service, or play a prerecorded message to the caller informing the caller that the phone is not accepting international roam calls. The decision can be based on the apparatus's home and registered networks' mobile country code (MCC) and mobile network code (MNC) information, on the caller ID of the calling party, and on the date and/or time of the incoming international roam call. The parameters on which the decisions are made may be set by the user of the apparatus or preset by a manufacturer or dealer.